

bill, and I spoke for it at the time. LB 48 addressed a situation that Senator Wesely and Senator Dierks brought to us, and that was a lack of oversight in the giving of free samples, which permitted easy access to minors of free samples. The bill came in and there were attempts to amend the bill, but all the attempts to ameliorate or amend the bill really were unworkable mechanisms of keeping free samples out of the hands of minors. And in choosing between LB 48's rather Draconian measure and any of the amendments, the amendments really didn't solve the problem. So the bill, if it was the hammer that Senator Moore talked about, or the sledgehammer against the fly, was the only piece on the table that could really address the ill, and the peril was the giving of free samples to minors. Now there's been some sense that has prevailed upon the proponents of this measure in the intervening two years. They realize that this body is serious when it says we don't want free samples for minors. Take a look at the provisions of the bill, and take a look at Senator Chambers' amendments on the committee amendments. Extending from one to five years, the sudden death provisions, making clear that these kinds of places have to be by law unavailable to minors, where they're distributed, et cetera. Every serious amendment Senator Baack adopted. The shoe is on the other foot. In fact, there has been a real acknowledgement that we do not want free samples for minors. And now you've got a provision that in my estimation really seeks to do that. I can't find, in this amendment, a failure to be serious, an attempt to evade or circumvent the law. Senator Baack says, and I believe by his conduct and by the amendment, that he's serious about keeping free samples out of the hands of minors. As a matter of fact, those provisions are tough, and they're good, and they're sensible. And it seems to me they are realistically designed to do that. Do we need to go beyond that? Do we need to keep free samples out of the hands of adults, knowing that tobacco is a dangerous and cancer-producing entity. There are dangers and risks in the world, lots of them. We know that guns create risks, we still permit their sale, or making it a gift. We know that motorcycles, Senator Lynch has persuaded this body that motorcycles are a dangerous form of transportation, we don't outlaw motorcycles. We do make some provisions for their safe usage, knowing that they're riskier and more dangerous than other kinds of transportation. We know that cholesterol kills. At certain overdosage of cholesterol heart disease is a very realistic possibility. We don't outlaw high cholesterol items. We say this, look, we're going to take out of the hands of youths the opportunity to be stupid, and